

Whether you own a “home in the woods” or many acres of forest land, this out-in-the-woods educational event is packed with practical “how-to” information that you need to know!

The event starts Friday afternoon, July 31 and goes all day Saturday, August 1. Participants can attend one or both days for just one admission fee.

Stewarding forestland is both rewarding and challenging. Your successful management is due to the decisions you make and the actions you take. Attending the **Family Forest Owners Field Day** will prepare you to plan and execute sound practices which will enable you to protect and enhance those features you value from your land. Come learn how to recognize potential problems, what to do, and how to do it.

During the day and a half event, you may participate in educational programs instructed by the state’s recognized experts in forest health, silviculture, wildlife and fish habitat, special forest products, and soils. Presenters will also be available to answer questions specific to your needs and property situation.

Come join the more than 6,000 satisfied family forest owners who have already experienced these Field Day events all across the state.

Sponsors

- Washington State University Extension
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
- USDA Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Skagit County
- Skagit Conservation District
- Family Forest Foundation
- Washington Farm Forestry Association
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- American Tree Farm System
- Society of American Foresters
- WA Association of Conservation Districts



Schedule

- Official course schedule available online at <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/2009FieldDay.htm> or your local Extension office.
- Gates open Friday at noon, Saturday at 8 am.
- Presentations Friday, July 31, at 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, and 4 pm, and Saturday, August 1, at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm.

About the Site

- Parking at field day site.
- Portable restrooms, coffee, refreshments, and drinking water are available on-site.
- Seating provided at presentation stations and lunch area.
- Dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.
- There will be vendors and displays.
- Walking short distances over nearly-level forested terrain is required.

Lunch (Saturday only)

- On-site BBQ lunch to benefit the Future Farmers of America \$9. (*Must be ordered by July 23.*) Or, bring a lunch or dine in Concrete.

Directions

- From I-5 Exit 232 travel 4 miles west to SR20, in Sedro Woolley. Follow SR20 east for 16 miles to Lusk Road. Turn south on Lusk Road for 0.2 miles to Field Day Site on east side of road. Watch for large yellow “**Forest Owners Field Day**” signs along the route.

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INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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FAMILY FOREST OWNERS FIELD DAY AGENDA TOPICS

- **Advanced Hardwood Management**—This is the next level for understanding and managing the broad leaf deciduous trees in your forest, or growing them from seedlings.
- **Attracting Songbirds to Your Forest**—Are you an avid birdwatcher, or just have a casual enjoyment of small feathered creatures? Learn how to turn your forest into an avian haven.
- **Basics of Red Alder Management**—Red alder’s rapid growth and relative freedom from disease make it a promising silvicultural alternative to conifers. Learn how to grow it for maximum value.
- **Caring for Your Young Forest**—Controlling grasses and shrubs from competing with your trees and discouraging wildlife damage is an on-going and necessary practice for regenerating your forest. Learn how to keep your young trees happy and healthy.
- **Chainsaw Safety and Maintenance (2 hours)**—This hands-on safety and maintenance program will teach you life, limb, and property saving techniques for avoiding accidents.
- **Common Forest Animal ID and Biology**—Get some practice identifying forest animals and learn about their life cycles and habits.
- **Counting and Measuring Trees (2 hours)**—Learn how to measure the heights and diameters of your trees and the density and volume of your forest to help meet your objectives.
- **East Side Forest Owners Session**—Own land on the other side of the Cascades? Catch some of the most important highlights on managing for healthy forests on the dry side of the mountains.
- **Forest Dan**—Are you a new forestland owner, or would you like some general information on where to go for help? This orientation may be a great place for you to start.
- **Forest Health**—Learn how to identify and manage your forest in the presence of common insects, diseases, and other problems.
- **Forest Plants Identification**—Learn the most frequently encountered plants in your forest, focusing on trees and shrubs.
- **Forest Security and Safety**—What you must know to keep yourself and your forest safe from the bad guys running around out there.
- **Forestry Taxes**—*Current Use Property Taxation and Timber Excise Taxes*—Tips on how to reduce the tax burden on your forestland, and the taxes due after selling timber.

- **Horse Logging Demonstration**—Wes Gustafson will demonstrate his team of horses and discuss the opportunities and limitations of horse logging.
- **Managing and Marketing Timber**—Thinking about logging? What is your fair share? Is a handshake good enough? There’s much more to a successful timber sale than meets the eye.
- **Managing Backyard Forests for Health and Habitat (2 hours)**—This diverse smorgasbord of forest related topics is perfectly designed for folks with smaller (under 10 acres) woodlands.
- **Managing Streamside Forests/Restoring Fish Habitat (2 hours)**—Take a short van ride to the HO State Forest to learn about common management and restoration techniques that landowners are using along their forested streams. What are your options?



- **Mixed Conifer/Hardwood Management**—What are the strategies for getting evergreens and deciduous trees to grow together for the many benefits a mixed forest can provide? Attend and find out!
- **Native American Uses of the Land**—To coastal Native Americans, cedar and salmon are part of their social fabric. Come learn about traditional uses of plants, trees, fish, wildlife, and more.
- **Noxious Forest Weed Control**—Learn what works for controlling blackberries, Scots Broom, and other uninvited guests.
- **Protecting Your Forest from Wildfire**—Learn what you can do to protect your forest using traditional forestry practices, which provide multiple benefits for you and your forest.
- **Rathvon Tree Farm Landowner Tour**—Curious about how this Tree Farm got started and the management philosophy it reflects? Take a short walk with landowner Roy Rathvon to learn the nuts and bolts of its operation.

- **Recognizing Patterned Wood**—Does that big leaf maple tree have a quilted or fiddle back pattern? Get some tips on what bark characteristics are indicators of high value tone wood.
- **Site Preparation and Reforestation**—Planting trees and getting them to survive and grow can be a challenge. Learn what you need to know to be successful. Discussion includes getting areas ready for planting, seedling selection, and planting techniques.
- **Shiitake Mushroom Culture (2 hours)**—Interested in learning how to successfully grow shiitake mushrooms? Learn how to do it the right way from an expert.
- **Small Scale Forestry Equipment**—Would you believe logging with an ATV? Pruning by pedaling a bicycle seat up a tree? See innovative small-scale equipment demonstrated live.
- **Thinning and Pruning**—Even the trees you’ve planted can compete between themselves. Learn how to keep them properly spaced and healthy. Also, learn to use pruning to improve wood quality, wildfire resistance, and the attractiveness of your forest. Learn about tools of the trade for thinning and pruning.
- **Tree Root Rot Identification and Management**—Identify common root rots and learn critical methods for protecting your trees from damaging and tree-killing root diseases.
- **Understanding and Managing Forest Soils**—Learn to understand and protect your forest soils productivity, and determine whether applying fertilizers will speed up tree growth.
- **Using and Selling Non-timber Products from Your Forest**—There’s a lot more on your timberland than just trees for lumber. Get keyed in to opportunities for floral greens, essential oils, herbs, mushrooms, and understand how to recognize opportunities.
- **Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Walk**—Take a stroll with a forest wildlife biologist to learn simple, effective strategies to improve habitat for wildlife on your property and integrate their needs into your forestry activities.

Information

- John Keller, DNR, (360) 708-1430, Program
- Andy Perleberg, WSU Extension, (509) 667-6540, Registration

Family Forest Owners

REGISTRATION FORM

SAVE \$10 before July 24!

- Advance Registration, *RECEIVED BY JULY 24*, is \$20 per person, \$30 for two or more.
- Registration on the day of the event is \$30 per person, \$40 for two or more.
- *Refunds available until the day of the event.*

Please return registration form with fee (*check made payable to WSU Extension Forest Field Day*) to:
WSU Chelan County Extension
400 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

E-mail: _____

of acres owned: _____

County of ownership: _____

I will attend: ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Both
☐ Individual registration/\$20 each \$ _____
☐ Group of 2 or more/\$30 group \$ _____
☐ BBQ lunch/\$9 each \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mobility assistance needed? Yes / No

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